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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, et al., Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO. 05-CV-00329-GKF SAJ

TYSON FOODS, INC., et al., Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF SHANON PHILLIPS
TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANTS
ON APRIL 15, 2009, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M.
IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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Mr. Jim Leach

REPORTED BY: Laura L. Robertson, CSR, RPR

Exhibit 23

- Q. Were there several spreadsheets that were
- created throughout your work on trying to come up with
- this list of response costs?
- A. There was one spreadsheet that was created
- and refined, to my knowledge.
- 6 Q. Exhibit 2 are the documents that the state
- produced to the defendants in this case. They are
- Bates marked OCCRESP costs, 0001 through 00257. And
- 9 we are going to mark all of these collectively as
- Exhibit No. 2.
- If you would take a look at the Bates marked
- documents 1 and 2. Is this the spreadsheet that you
- 13 referred to?
- 14 (Defendant's Exhibit 2 marked for
- identification)
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Also, is 3 -- are documents 3 and 4 the same
- thing?
- ¹⁹ A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Let's go back to the persons who
- assisted in the preparation of this list. You
- mentioned Dan Butler. Please give us his title and
- his involvement in this work?
- A. Dan Butler is the former director of the
- Water Quality Division of the Conservation Commission.

- A. The only other thing that I brought with me
- today were the first couple of pages of many of these
- work plans that are listed here, so that I could
- accurately account for the objectives of those
- ⁵ projects.
- Q. Referring back to page 5, I see the
- handwriting that has the number \$237,500. What does
- 8 that number refer to?
- A. That is the state match that is required for
- us to receive \$356,250 of federal money.
- Q. And how was that number determined?
- 12 A. That number is -- these projects require
- 60/40 match, and so the 237,500 is the 40 percent
- ¹⁴ match.
- 15 Q. I understand that these programs require a
- minimum of a 40 percent match. In all cases on the
- 319 H grants, did the Oklahoma Conservation Commission
- match just 40 percent?
- A. Many times we overmatch our projects, and so
- there are, most of our later grants are overmatched.
- Q. I see back on page number 1, it says, "Match
- not documented." What does that mean?
- A. Match not documented means that we don't
- have specific documentation on exactly where that
- match came from. We do know that that match was

- 1 It primarily focused on flow data, but I Α.
- believe that there were also collections of water
- 3 chemistry and parameters such as nutrients, turbidity,
- dissolved oxygen, et cetera.
- 5 Let's go onto the next line item, which is
- 6 1991, 319 H Illinois River Basin Treatment
- 7 Prioritization.
- 8 Α. Thanks.
- 9 Does document Bates stamped number 6 refer
- 10 to this line item?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- 12 Q. And what are the amounts of -- what is the
- 13 amount of state funds that you determined were
- 14 incurred on this project?
- 15 \$87,186.67. Α.
- 16 How did you determine that amount? 0.
- 17 That's based on the state match that would Α.
- 18 be necessary to pull those federal dollars and to
- 19 complete the tasks laid out in the work plan.
- 20 0. So again, this match is not documented?
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 So this is another situation where you
- 23 assumed that it was a 40 percent match?
- 24 Α. Yes.
- 25 And this is also another situation where you Q.

- had urbanized areas, but it did focus on what were
- believed to be the most significant sources of
- non-point pollution in the watershed.
- Q. Was the SWAT model used for this work?
- A. No, this is before the SWAT model was
- 6 developed.
- Oh, what was the time period for the work on
- 8 this project?
- A. 1991, perhaps -- I'm trying to remember, to
- approximately 1995, 1996.
- Q. All right. Let's keep moving. Now we are
- looking at the next line, which is FFY 1992 104(b)(3)
- and there are three lines there. Does Bates stamp
- document number 7 refer to those three lines?
- ¹⁵ A. Yes.
- Q. And give me a description of what these
- programs are.
- A. These are three tasks that were completed
- under 1992 104(b)(3) project that focused in the
- Illinois River Watershed, and they involved the staff
- support for our education, monitoring and
- implementation activities that we were doing in the
- watershed.
- There was -- task 37 worked with the Scenic
- Rivers Commission to develop some programs that

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          Q.
               Okay.
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                MR. LENNINGTON: Did you say Illinois Jones,
 3
     I am sorry?
                THE WITNESS:
                               Illinois Jones.
                                                 I can show
 5
     you pictures of Illinois Jones if you come over to our
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 7
                (Discussion held off the record)
                (BY MS. HILL) Let's go on to the next line
          0.
     item, which is FFY 1992 319 H, task number 38.
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          Α.
                Yes.
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          Ο.
                Does Bates stamp document number 8 relate to
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     this line item?
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          Α.
               Yes.
1.4
               What is the amount of funds expended for
15
     this project?
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          Α.
                $166,666.67.
17
               And again, this is another example of a
18
     match that is not documented?
19
          Α.
                Yes.
20
          Q.
               And so this is a situation where you cannot
21
     determine the sources of the funds that went into this
22
     $166,666.67?
23
               We don't have documentation to show what
24
     those sources are.
25
               And give me a general description of what
          Q.
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- task number 38 is then.
- A. This is -- this paid for pre-implementation
- monitoring associated with our Peacheater
- 4 implementation project. This is the monitoring that
- was used to establish relationship between Peacheater
- and Tyner Creek, that we could then evaluate post
- implementation, to see whether or not our programs had
- an impact in the watershed.
- 9 Q. Let's keep going. Let's go on to FFY 1996
- 319 H. This is task number 82. Does Bates stamp
- document number 9 relate to the state's funds that you
- estimate were expended on this project?
- ¹³ A. Yes.
- Q. And how is it that you determined the amount
- of state funds expended on this project?
- A. In our contract with, this was a project
- where we worked with Oklahoma State University. In
- our contract we required them to provide 40 percent of
- the funds for that contract, and to document where
- those funds came from.
- And so they provided us with records of
- their salaries and indirect costs associated with that
- program.
- Q. Were these funds that were expended by OSU
- then?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Actually, this task 85?
- ³ A. 85, I'm sorry.
- Q. I'm sorry as well. And what is the amount
- of money that you determined were state funds expended
- on this project?
- ⁷ A. \$41,549.79.
- Q. What do those funds represent?
- ⁹ A. This is the costs that landowners
- contributed to the installation of best management
- 11 practices in the Peacheater Creek Watershed.
- Q. Did Oklahoma Conservation Commission
- reimburse these landowners listed on pages 10 and 11
- for these costs?
- A. We reimbursed them for a portion of the
- costs that were necessary to install these practices,
- and they contributed the remainder.
- Q. So is the \$41,549.77 the amount that the
- 19 landowner contributed?
- ²⁰ A. Yes.
- Q. Somewhere on this chart of pages 1 and 2 are
- you claiming the amounts that Oklahoma Conservation
- 23 Commission expended?
- A. We are claiming the amounts that the -- the
- other amounts expended under the payment amount

- Q. So in coming up with the amount of funds to
- put on your chart at Bates stamp 1 and 2, you did not
- ³ go through and mark out any of these line items that
- were already on document 10 and 11; is that correct?
- ⁵ A. That's correct.
- O. Okay. And again, this appears to be a
- 7 program that relates to multiple types of non-point
- pollution?
- ⁹ A. That's true.
- Q. For example, Barney Nubbey, there is a line
- item, "Dairy lagoon clean out and liner," and funds he
- expended for that dairy lagoon clean out and liner are
- included on this list?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And those funds are included in the \$41,000
- approximately on page 1?
- A. Yes.
- Q. All right. Do you want to keep going or do
- you want to take a short break?
- A. I'm fine.
- MR. LENNINGTON: If you're fine, then we
- keep going.
- Q. (BY MS. HILL) All right. Let's go on to --
- FFY 1997 319 H, task number 89. It looks like Bates
- stamp documents 12 and 13 relate to task number 89; is

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- 1 that correct?
- Α. Yes.
- 3 0. And what are the state funds that you
- determined were spent on task number 89?
- 5 \$30,121.73. Α.
- 6 0. And how is it that you determined that
- 7 amount?
- 8 Α. That was determined based on information
- 9 provided to us by the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers
- 10 Commission on the state dollars that they contributed
- 11 to completion of the project.
- 12 0. These funds go to purchase Porta-Potties,
- 13 for instance?
- 14 And trash bags and signage.
- 15 Was there any water quality monitoring done Q.
- 16 in association with task number 89?
- 17 No, there was no water quality monitoring Α.
- 18 associated -- directly associated with this project.
- 19 Any other evaluation study or assessment of
- 20 water quality in the Illinois River Watershed that was
- 21 done in association with task number 89?
- 22 Α. There would have been education programs
- 23 that went along with this task that reported on
- 24 overall evaluation of water quality assessment, but
- 25 the actual assessment was not done under 89.

- A. I don't believe that they are referred to on
- pages 12 and 13. I think those are referred to in the
- work plans for those projects. So one of the things
- to consider, and we were very careful to only -- where
- we are able to document our match, there would have
- been a considerable amount of match that was not
- documentable, but the Scenic Rivers Commission doesn't
- 8 necessarily keep time sheets that enable them to
- 9 differentiate the amount of time that they spent on
- each of the different efforts.
- And so we don't have documentation of the
- amount of time that they spent on their education
- programs. We have -- they were able to provide us
- with sufficient match by showing how much money they
- contributed to maintaining their trash bags and
- Porta-Potties.
- Q. To be clear then, you are not making a claim
- for any other costs that may have been incurred by the
- conservation districts or the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers
- Commission, other than what is listed here on page 1,
- 21 as well as 12 and 13?
- A. No, we are not.
- Q. Let's go on to FFY 1997 319 H, task number
- 99. I believe the page is Bates stamped 14 and 15
- relate to task number 99; is that correct?

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- 1 That's correct. Α.
- 0. All right. And what are the amount of the
- 3 state funds that you're claiming are -- were expended
- on task number 99?
- 5 Α. \$15,242.23.
- 6 And how is it that you determined that 0.
- 7 amount?
- 8 Α. That's based on 40 percent of the federal
- 9 dollars that were needed to implement the program.
- 10 Q. And on this line it says match not
- 11 documented, but it also says sufficient overmatch.
- 12 What does sufficient overmatch refer to in relation to
- 13 project task number 99?
- 14 That means that we matched the total 319
- 15 grant for EPA, and documented that match, but not
- 16 specifically that we matched each individual task in
- 17 that overall grant.
- 18 And the way that we would have matched that
- 19 overall project or that overall grant would have
- 20 included match from our locally led cost-share
- 21 program, where we implement best management practices
- 22 through our conservation districts.
- 23 As an example, in 1997 and 1998, the Adair
- 24 County Conservation District implemented \$15,000 worth
- 25 of locally led cost-share best management practices in

- the Illinois River Watershed. Cherokee and Delaware
- ² Counties also received implemented \$15,000 worth of
- practices in that -- in their counties during that
- 4 time period, although I can't say specifically which
- ones, at this time which ones of those were in the
- 6 Illinois River Watershed, but we could provide that
- information to you.
- 8 Q. But the claim for the alleged response cost
- in relation to task number 99 on page number 1 do not
- include those locally cost-share projects from Adair,
- 11 Cherokee and other counties; is that correct?
- A. That claim again amounts to that 15,242.
- What I was trying to explain to you is how that money
- is accounted for. So we didn't -- when we are
- required to track this information for EPA, we have to
- document the match.
- We aren't required to break it down by
- watersheds, and so that wasn't necessary for this
- program. But I was trying to explain to you that we
- can show that the state spent that money specifically
- in the Illinois River Watershed during that time
- period.
- Q. And the state's claim here, though is
- \$15,242.23 is not any additional monies that may have
- been spent by the county conservation districts?

- 1 (BY MS. HILL) Back on the record after a 0.
- break, and looking at the next line item on page
- 3 number 1, which is FFY 1998 104(b)(3)W. Does document
- number 16 relate to the amount entered on this line
- 5 item?
- Α. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. And what is the amount of funds that
- you estimated the state expended for this project?
- 9 \$100. Α.
- 10 0. And how is it that you determined that
- 11 amount?
- 12 Α. This is information provided to us by one of
- 13 the project people in -- let me clarify. This \$100 is
- 14 match that was part of this project specific to work
- 15 in the Illinois River Watershed. There was other
- 16 match part of this project that was not in the
- 17 Illinois River Watershed.
- 18 This is match that was charges from the
- 19 Kansas vo-tech school that were not charged to
- 20 teachers attending a wetlands education program in the
- 21 watershed. And these would have been teachers from
- 22 the Illinois River area schools who were being
- 23 educated on this WOW, or wonders of wetlands education
- 24 program to offer, it is a training program for
- 25 teachers that then they take those programs back and

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- 1 incorporate into their curriculum.
- 0. All right. So this \$100 amount here refers
- 3 to one educational program for a group of teachers in
- the Illinois River Watershed?
- 5 Α. Yes.
- And give me a description of what WOW is?
- 7 It is a program that trains teachers about Α.
- wetland function, wetland uses, types of wetlands, how
- 9 wetlands are an integral part of the aquatic
- 10 ecosystem, and how they can teach their students to be
- 11 more appreciative and protective of wetlands.
- 12 Q. Does the WOW program address generally
- 13 multiple types of sources of non-point pollution to
- 14 wetlands?
- 15 Α. Yes. But when, for instance, when
- 16 educating -- the program has components that allow it
- 17 to be tailored to individual areas. And so when
- 18 educating about wetlands in the Illinois River
- 19 Watershed, they would discuss about how those wetlands
- 20 could function to filter nutrients, sediment, bacteria
- 21 from, or whatever pollutant sources were most
- 22 important in that watershed.
- 23 Did this particular WOW program for these 0.
- 24 Illinois River Watershed teachers address multiple
- 25 pollutants?

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- 1 And how is it that you determined the amount 0.
- 2 of money the state expended on task number 556?
- 3 We had match documented that was contributed Α.
- to the implementation of the program in the amount of
- 5 \$14,196.34. That money was provided by the landowner,
- 6 and then a portion of that match was also state
- 7 personnel who worked on the program.
- That's broken down on page 19.
- Okay. So pages 17 and 18 relate to the
- 10 \$13,925.52 on page 19 under the match?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- 12 Q. And is there documentation for the
- 13 additional \$270.82 that is a part of this claim?
- 14 That figure is based on the -- these
- 15 are grants that require a 25 percent match of the
- 16 federal dollars, and this is administrative support
- 17 from our comptroller, our Mike Thralls, other Oklahoma
- 18 Conservation Commission staff that are paid for with
- 19 state dollars that worked towards this program, but we
- 20 don't have a specific breakdown of their hours
- 21 associated with the project.
- 22 Can you determine then which hours were Q.
- 23 spent in relation to a specific task on this project?
- 24 No, I don't think that we can. That would
- 25 be difficult, if not impossible.

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- 1 And tell me again the percentage of match of 0.
- 2 the state on this 104(b)(3) plan?
- 3 These wetlands projects are 75/25. Α.
- The federal monies are 75.5? 0.
- 5 Α. 75 and required to be matched by 25
- 6 percent state monies.
- 7 And wetlands projects are denoted by the W 0.
- 8 after the 104(b)(3); is that correct?
- Α. Yes.
- 10 Q. So unlike the prior 104(b)(3) programs that
- 11 we discussed that were 95/5 match, the ones with the W
- 12 are all a 75/25 match?
- 13 Α. Yes.
- 14 And going back to pages 17 and 18, a
- 15 landowner paid these fees directly to River Manage
- 16 Engineering PLC; is that correct?
- 17 Α. Yes.
- 18 Who is that landowner?
- 19 I will have to get you the name. I do not
- 20 have that, I don't believe. Oh, Mark Hayes, that
- 21 would be the name.
- 22 Q. And was there any water quality monitoring
- 23 done in association with task number 556?
- 24 Α. Yes.
- 25 And where is that described? Q.

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- 1 stay on State 210 Implementation Funds. And what is
- 2 the total amount that you determined were the state
- 3 funds that were expended in relation to this task?
- The State Implementation Funds are \$333,533.
- 5 And we are just talking about the line item 0.
- 6 right now for the \$333,533?
- 7 Yes. Α.
- 8 0. And were federal funds included, Federal
- Fund 400 Funds included in that amount?
- 10 Α. No.
- 11 Was this chart something that already 0.
- 12 existed prior to preparing these documents for -- to
- 13 provide backup for this chart?
- 14 Α. Yes.
- 15 Walk me through an example here.
- 16 start with the top participant Melanie Bailey on page
- 17 How is it that you determined that Melanie Bailey
- 18 was in the Illinois River Watershed?
- 19 When Melanie Bailey contacted our Cherokee
- 20 County Conservation District that she would like some
- 21 help addressing some problems on her site, our project
- 22 coordinator would have visited her farm, well,
- 23 actually, first of all they would have looked up her
- 24 farm on the county plat maps to assure themselves that
- 25 she was in the Illinois River Watershed. Then they

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- 1 180, perhaps. Yes.
- ² A. Yes.
- Q. And how is it that you determined that state
- funds were used to pay this \$185,000?
- ⁵ A. Mr. Stamper received a grant from the
- 6 Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and
- Technology that was devoted towards this project. He
- determined to -- or he used \$185,000 of that larger
- grant, specifically for the tasks that were laid out
- in this project.
- Q. So this money came from the Oklahoma Center
- for Advancement in Science and Technology?
- ¹³ A. Yes.
- Q. Let's go on to the next line item, the last
- one on page 1, which is FFY 2002 319 H. This
- task 02-010, I believe pages 181 and 182 relate to
- that task; is that correct?
- ¹⁸ A. Yes.
- Q. And give me a description of that task
- generally.
- A. This task was to continue some of the
- riparian area protection that we had done under task
- 23 113 and extend those out for a period of 30 years.
- O. And that 113 task was aimed at stream bank
- stability; is that correct?

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- A. No, this 113 task was aimed at addressing
- animal waste issues in the Illinois River Watershed.
- Q. Is that --
- A. That's this 1999 319 number 113 we had all
- ⁵ of those lines.
- Q. Okay, okay. And this is another situation
- where you're unable to document the amount of state
- funds that were matched?
- ⁹ A. The -- this is another situation where the
- grant was matched and documented through programs such
- as our locally led program, and then the landowners
- also provided some match, but we don't have -- we
- haven't produced documentation to show exactly where
- that match -- what those sources of match were devoted
- specifically to this project.
- Q. So this sum of a little more than \$417,000
- would include landowner contributions?
- ¹⁸ A. Yes.
- Q. Let's go onto page number 2. Looking at
- 20 line item 2005 319 H, task 05-124. I believe the
- documentation for this task is listed on page 183; is
- that correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And as a matter of course on this project,
- does the Oklahoma Conservation Commission separately

- track litter that is transferred from the Eucha
- Spavinaw Watershed and the Illinois River Watershed?
- ³ A. Yes.
- Q. And the sum of \$41,196.18, is that money
- that was actually paid out to individuals to complete
- 6 the transfer of poultry litter?
- ⁷ A. Yes.
- Q. Is there any district time included in that
- 9 sum, or district contribution?
- A. There is no district contribution included
- in that sum. That's state refunds again that was paid
- to the landowner or paid to the conservation district
- for their administration of the program.
- Q. It looks like the backup for page 183 is
- contained in pages 184 through 193, or no, I'm sorry.
- 196. Is that correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. All right. Let's go on to the next line
- item, which is 2005 319 H task number 05-132. This
- says Stamper supplemental. Give me a description of
- what this task was?
- A. We did not complete all of the efforts
- devoted to the Stamper Project under that previous
- line item task, 02-004. So this is a continuation of
- the effort to implement that project, and a summary of

- 1 add up the extra 25 percent of those costs, that comes
- 2 to the 1539.66.
- 3 And adding those two sums together, the
- \$17,788.14 and the \$1,539.66, we get the total of
- 5 \$19,327.80 that's listed on page 2?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 All right. Let's go to the next line item,
- 8 which is copiers?
- 9 Α. Yes.
- 10 Q. And is that item also documented on page
- 11 251?
- 12 Α. Yes.
- 13 And what percentage was applied to the
- 14 copiers to break out the Illinois River Watershed from
- Eucha Spavinaw Watershed funds?
- 16 Α. 80 percent.
- 17 Do you know how 80 percent was determined Q.
- 18 for copier use?
- 19 I believe that it was based on the amount
- 20 of -- oh, it is summarized on page, on page 253, gives
- 21 a summary of how those expenses were, and percentages
- 22 were accounted for. So it took into account the
- 23 percentage of time we had conversations and make
- 24 copies for the Illinois River Watershed compared to
- 25 the Eucha Spavinaw Watershed.

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- 1 (BY MS. HILL) Back to page 2? Q.
- 2 Α. Yes.
- 3 On project 2007 319 H, the final column Q.
- there is a denotation of, "Will spend, \$377,000."
- 5 What are you referring to there?
- 6 Α. We have allocated \$377,000 of states
- general, or refunds that will be spent on the project.
- And those practices are obligated. We have contracts
- with landowners to install those practices, but they
- 10 haven't been installed to this point.
- 11 Are those part of the claim for response Q.
- 12 costs at this time --
- 13 Α. No.
- 14 0. -- for OCC?
- 15 Are you claiming any other costs that may be
- 16 incurred in the future?
- 17 Α. Not at this time, no.
- 18 We discussed persons who you met with in
- 19 preparing this list. Are there any other persons with
- 20 information who you consulted with or assisted you in
- 21 coming up with this list of the response costs that
- 22 allegedly were incurred by the Oklahoma Conservation
- 23 Commission? Earlier we listed Jim Leach, Dan Butler,
- 24 Cheryl Gibson, Steve Coffman.
- 25 Eldon Marklyn also tracks BMP implication Α.

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Page 109 1 0. Okay. MR. LENNINGTON: I think that's it. Thank 3 you. REDIRECT EXAMINATION 5 BY MS. HILL: 6 Ο. Is the Oklahoma Conservation Commission 7 making a claim for future response costs? Α. Not at this time. They are making a claim for response costs shown on page 2, totaling 10 \$2,963,321.78. 11 Does this \$2.9 million included the \$377,000 Ο. 12 listed on page 2? 13 Well, I'm sorry, let me clarify that. 14 That 377,000 does include -- \$2,184 are included in 15 that 377,000. But they have already been spent. 16 I'm sorry, that \$377,000 number should be \$374,826. 17 Okay. Discovery ends tomorrow, and you are Q. 18 designated to testify about agency response costs and 19 you have told me you're testifying here on behalf of 20 the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. 21 I need you to tell me if you intend to 22 testify about any other response costs that are not 23 listed here on pages 1 and 2? 24 Α. No. 25 I have no further questions then. MS. HILL: